

Minutes of the PCC zoom meeting Tuesday 8th December 2020.

1. Opening prayer by Cynthia.

2. Present. Cynthia Kerr, Chair, Heather De Gruyther, Kiri & Steve Roberts, Helen Scott, Beverley Evans, Rachel Hawkins, Anne Minchin.

Apologies. Ruth Fitter, Ruth Parsons, Pauline Godfrey, Graham Brooks, Miriam Afultude.

3. Minutes of the last meeting. Accepted as a true record.

Proposed BE. 2nd KR.

4. Matters Arising.

Suggestions for charities we could support:

International: Roma church, MAF, Christian Aid.

National: Rooftops.

Local: Gloucester food bank, Long table.

If anyone has other ideas please Email HDG or CK before Friday.

St Stephens: No developments.

Christmas / Advent on agenda.

Long Table: 10 meals purchased and they are in the freezer.

5. Finance.

Copies of the proposed 2021 budget have been circulated.

Parish share amount to be paid for 2021, £33,732, has stayed the same after the reduction of £8000 from the Deanery Stipends Fund.

Bills are paid by direct debit.

Weekly envelopes are not coming in as usual.

Admin costs have increased as a lot more communication is done on paper.

Fees are down, no weddings, few baptisms and funerals. So no collections. The crem' fees structure has changed so we no longer share them.

Donations and grants to charities. 10% would be about £5,000, a huge amount .RP put in a suggestion of £4,000. SR asked about the rent from the contact centre. It is £400 - £500 per quarter. Overeaters anonymous pay us £200 per quarter. It was thought that the estimated £1,500 to be raised from Annual fetes / Events might be a bit overoptimistic.

The final budget will be circulated in January.

Repairs to the Church building could be more than £2,000 as the guttering, roof and any broken windows will need attention.

SR would like to see 2 budgets, one for giving 5% and the other for 10%. KR said the congregation should be encouraged to pray about the amount. CK suggested prayer cards.

6. Light Project.

KR. Looking to build a sense of community among families connected by 'Little Angels' & 'Messy Church'. KR is seeking backing for a weekly Email she will send out containing ideas for stories, songs and activities for children. People are looking for regular contact, ideally community which is difficult to maintain while we are unable to be together.

CK has the job of updating risk assessments, safeguarding and GDPR. Discussion followed about whether things should be reported back to the PCC. KR pointed out that people might be put off if they know it will be reported back. KR is happy to report back to the PCC but maybe not the wider church at this point.

Need to be careful, consent must be sought for photos of children to be made public. Read 'guidelines' sheets.

KR needs the backing and protection of the church PCC.

Link to be put on the weekly sheet.

Query from RP, Does the PCC need to vet and approve of any messages or links sent out eg to Messy church families? HDG said the ones used already are sound but if using a new source, to let the clergy know. There will be an expectation for KR to report back to PCC 3 monthly.

SR will look into an updated version of the safeguarding guidelines and send tweaks to CK. RP would then like an updated version.

BE proposed that KR should go ahead with the Light Project, following the guidelines. AM 2nd. AA.

SR Proposed that in principal we should agree the guidelines. 2nd BE. AA.

7. Advent & Christmas.

RF will be recovering for at least another week

Advent reflections, services are screened. Christmas services will be as normal – ie have to book a place if still in tier 2. 41 people allowed. There have already been enquiries about the Midnight service.

Thanks to all the clergy who have stepped up during RF's illness. PG, HDG, MP, JE, CM, CK,

Advent bags have been distributed. Thankyou!

SR's idea about a carol service on the Lannet wasn't allowed by the council. Maybe next year?

There will be a quiz on zoom on the 19th Dec.

Advent Trail , on Christmas eve, around the parish looking at the advent windows. Volunteers are needed to welcome people at the church at the end of their journey. Originally from 11 - 4, but this will be shortened.

1 Deanery Strategy.

Delayed until the Autumn. Bishop Rachel is clear that the archdeacons will be involved to support parishes.

1. Safeguarding issues.

None.

10. January - Easter.

HDG needs some time for curacy admin work, so she will be taking some time out. Sunday duties, may call on JE and CM.

1 Election of Lay Chair.

Role is to chair the meeting if a cleric is unavailable. BE proposed SR and he sort of agreed.

12.AOB

The Sanctuary Fellowship is a group of people with multiple difficulties who have been meeting in the park. It is too cold and they have asked if they can use our building for the winter. There could be a clash of timings with Little Angels who must have priority. Issues around the Tuesday morning timing. They will be told there will be a review in January.

Will they do their own risk assessment and clean up? If they are unable to meet safety standards it is concerning. Maybe when covid has settled. They could be offered an alternate time so they don't clash with LAs .

1 CK closed the meeting with prayer.